

THE BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB.

The Members Gave a Reception to Their Wives and Sweethearts.

The Orangeburg correspondent of the News and Courier says the widely discussed "Business Men's Club" reception realized the highest anticipations. Last Friday night there was a gay assembly of representative men and women at the hall of the well equipped club rooms. The doors were opened by fairy hands in the persons of little Misses Mignon Lowman and Winifred Doyle, attended by Master Wilmet Parlor as Cupid. Upon entering the reception room attention was quickly attracted by the clear and inspiring words: "Welcome, wives and sweethearts." It was a veritable valentine affair and "Cupid's bow" knew no care that night. In the two front rooms were arranged twelve tables, where whilst was enjoyed for an hour or more. During the game Cupid passed dates to the gentlemen in one of which was a penny. With light step the fairy dispensed the same to the ladies.

The lucky dates fell into the hands of Dr. T. C. Doyle and Mrs. E. N. Scoville, who received a comic and useful valentine respectively.

The fairies punched the games on dainty heart-shaped valentines. At the calling of the game it was found that their gracious favor had fallen upon Mrs. Hazard Reeves and Mr. Shannon Lining. Mrs. Fletcher Fair and Mr. Julius Ahrens received the booby prizes. The consolation prize was won by Mrs. T. C. Doyle.

That the prizes were valuable goes without saying, for men do nothing by halves.

The decorations were in thorough keeping with the conception of the entertainment. The fastoons of red ribbons and hearts were offset by trailing vines of smilax and numerous red candles.

At 11 o'clock the doors to the dining room were opened. From chandeliers to the walls of the large room were draped in red ribbons to which were attached hearts of every conceivable size.

Amidst a shower of red ribbon in the centre of the table hung Cupid. Conspicuous at each end of the table were two large hearts pierced with arrows. Double hearts were pinned to the walls as curtains. The white table drapery was festooned with hearts strung on red ribbon. Red flowers filled numerous vases on the table and banks of the same lay on the red covered mantel. The oyster cocktails rested upon heart-shaped devices, salad was served in the same, hearts appeared on the doilies, and the happy hearts of the guests shone brightly in their faces.

The favors were silver spoons, bearing in the gold bowls the inscription "B. M. C. 1904."

Too much cannot be said in praise of the various committees, whose indefatigable work made this entertainment so eminent a success.

On the refreshment committee were: Mesdames T. C. Doyle, E. R. Pauling, R. H. Jennings, E. N. Scoville, F. N. Brunson, J. H. Perry, W. F. Fair, Dr. T. C. Doyle and Mr. O. B. Rosinger.

On invitations were Mr. Sol Kohn and Mr. H. C. Wannamaker.

On decoration were Misses Estelle Fair, Ray Slater, Carrie Roessler, Mable Slater, Messrs Shannon Lining and John W. Fair, Jr.

The reception committee were Messrs Otto Spahr, W. G. Smith, John Cart and Dr. J. M. Oliver.

Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Brunson, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Rosinger, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pauling, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Fair, Mr. and Mrs. Hazard Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. John Cart, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Ahrens, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dukes, Col. and Mrs. W. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wannamaker, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ligon, Mrs. Fred Wannamaker, Mrs. Westberry, Misses Mable Slater, Ray Slater, Lillie Goldsmith, Iza Thomas, Mable Felder, Mollie Roberts, Estelle Fair, Annie Martin, Messrs John Fair, Clifford Slater, Shannon Lining, John Stronach, M. J. Renick, of Charleston; H. O. Dawson, Dr. D. J. Hydrick, Otto Spahr and Thomas Brantley.

A DELICIOUS LITTLE PARTY.—A delightful informal card party was given by Miss Belle Cannon Thursday evening complimentary to Miss Annie Gilherson of Laurens. The artistic decorations were of white japonicas and handsome potted plants. There were four tables of progressive whist, and after the game a most tempting repast was partaken of. Those invited to meet Miss Gilherson were: Miss May Thompson, Miss Mable Houser, Miss Mabel Soley, Miss Olive Livingston, Miss Rosa Rich and Miss Estelle Cannon, Mr. Steadman Yeaton, Mr. J. W. Sandel, Mr. Richard McMichael, Mr. James McMichael, Col. Thomas Brantley, Mr. E. Rickenbaker, Mr. Julian Culler and Mr. Lewis Link of New York.

THE DIXIE CLUB.—The anniversary of the "Dixie Club" was celebrated last Monday afternoon at the home of its president, Mrs. H. C. Wannamaker. All present were delighted by the gracious hospitality extended. The color scheme was pink, which was used to great advantage. Flinch, pic and other games afforded a jolly time for awhile, after which the guests were invited into the dining room, where a tempting repast was attractively served. Those present were: Mesdames H. C. Wannamaker, Fred Wannamaker, R. H. Jennings, John Cart, L. S. Wolfe, E. N. Scoville, I. W. Mordecai, A. C. Dukes, Norman Bull, W. L. Moseley, John Bull, E. C. Dibble, F. N. Brunson; Messrs May Riggs, Mable Slater, Ray Slater and Lillie Goldsmith.

WILL HELP THE JAPS.—Mr. C. J. Ryan, of this city, who is now at Live Oak, Fla., writes a letter to this paper, in which he says that Messrs. D. F. Gleason, Geo. Green, E. D. Simmons and himself will go to Japan to enlist in the Japanese navy. All of these young men are South Carolinians and have seen service in Uncle Sam's navy. They will visit the city on the Edisto, however, before going across the waters in search of glory.

Orangeburg in Good Shape.

The Hon. W. G. Smith, president of the Orangeburg Manufacturing Company, was in Charleston Monday in order to attend the sale of the damaged cotton taken from the Manhattan. When seen by a representative of The News and Courier at his hotel, just before leaving on the afternoon train for his home in the up-country, he spoke very interestingly and pleasantly of the business conditions in his part of the State.

Mr. Smith said that while the cotton crop made in Orangeburg county last year was not as large as usual, that the price received was high, and the farmers in Orangeburg county had therefore made money. The corn crop last year was, he said, very large, and the hay and pea crop the most beautiful known in that section in years. From the present indications there seems to be no doubt that the cotton acreage will be increased this year. Among other things Mr. Smith said that many of the farmers are using Peruvian guano, almost to the exclusion of the commercial fertilizers. The individual farmers are in good financial condition and are not complaining. The merchants did a good fall business last year and are laying in large stocks for the spring trade, which at this time bids fair to be excellent.

In speaking of the size of Orangeburg county, Mr. Smith said that, while it was not generally known, that it was a fact that Orangeburg was the largest county not only in South Carolina, but in the United States, with the possible exception of one county in Pennsylvania. Mr. Smith is also president of the Orangeburg Young Men's Business League, which is doing a great deal for the upbuilding and the advertisement of that progressive and growing little city.

A Good Meeting.

Rev. S. D. Colyer, returned last week from Sumter, where he assisted Dr. W. M. Taylor in a successful meeting. As a result some of the best citizens of Sumter turned from their alien life and entered the army of the saved. A church was organized, and already they are raising money with which to buy a lot on which to build a house in which to worship and to serve the Lord. Rev. Mr. Colyer preached to a full house Lord's day night, and many wanted the meeting to go on, but as there was another meeting to begin that Lord's day and had been so advertised for six weeks he thought it best to practice the golden rule, and so closed the meeting Monday night. He has returned to finish preparations for a meeting to be held in Orangeburg beginning about the first of April. Dr. James Small, of Columbus, Indiana, one of the most successful evangelists of our country, has been secured to do the preaching in this meeting. Mr. Colyer went to Detroit, Michigan, to the National convention of the Christian Churches for the sole purpose of securing a man with a head, a heart and a tongue. Dr. Small, he says, is preeminently the man. The light of heaven is in his face and much sunshine is in his soul, and it will not take you long to see that his life is on the altar and in some of his lofty flights of oratory you almost feel like saying surely his tongue was trained among the angels. Mr. Colyer has done his utmost to bring a true man of God for this great meeting in Orangeburg. He hopes Orangeburg will show its appreciation by turning out in full force to hear this great and good man. A tabernacle will be built for this meeting and comfortably seated and lighted.

"The Professor's Love Story."

On Monday night of last week at the opera house the clever comedy, "The Professor's Love Story," was presented by the dramatic association, which is composed entirely of local talent. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kohn are the directors of the association, and deserve much credit for the success they have achieved. The full cast is as follows: Prof. Goodwill, an electrician, Dr. W. R. Lowman; Agnes Goodwill, his sister, Miss Clementine Cummings; Elsie Proctor, his housekeeper, Mrs. E. R. Pauling; Dr. Yellowless and Dr. Cason, his physicians, Mr. W. M. Richardson and Mr. John W. Fair, Jr.; Sir George Gilding, member of parliament, Dr. A. C. Doyle; Lady Gilding, his wife, Miss Estelle Fair; the dowager, Lady Gilding, his stepmother, aged 25, Mrs. F. P. Malpas; Lucy White the professor's secretary, Miss Flossie Wilcock; Pete and Henderson, two farm hands, Mr. L. H. Wannamaker, Jr. and Mr. H. C. Wannamaker. The play was not only a success financially, but was received with much appreciation and the association has been asked to repeat it at an early date for the U. D. C. chapter here. The music for the occasion was charmingly rendered by the orchestra band of this city.

The Non Parent.

Mr. O. L. Asseley, of Boston, has arranged to locate at Rosenger's Photo Studio, in Orangeburg, for a limited space of time to introduce to this community the latest in the photographic art. These photographs are finished in the new "Everette" and "Platinotype" process, and mounted in the latest style folder. This is assuredly the finest type of artistic photography. The public is cordially invited to inspect the finished samples at Rosenger's Studio, commencing February 25th, for a limited time only.

ROOSEVELT ENDORSED.—The Republicans of the Seventh congressional district held their district convention here Monday and elected delegates to the national Republican convention, which convenes in Chicago in June. A. D. Webster and Dr. J. F. Ensor were elected delegates with J. Frederick and Green Jackson as alternates. Resolutions were passed endorsing President Roosevelt and directing the delegates to support him.

FIFTY YEARS OLD.—The Young America Steam Fire Engine Company celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on Thursday night by a collation at their handsome hall. It was a most enjoyable affair, and all who attended came away well pleased. May this gallant body of firemen long survive to fight the fire fiend.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from Town and Country

Condensed for Busy Readers.

The Times and Democrat has twelve pages this week. Be sure you get it all.

The time for making returns of property to the Auditor expired on last Saturday.

Bishop Capers will officiate at the Episcopal Church next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Be sure and send the boys and girls to the ice cream festival at Mrs. Hannah J. Salley's next Thursday afternoon.

You can buy county raised winter cabbage seed at Sims' Book Store. They are fine and cost only five cents per paper.

We regret to say that all the seed we had for free distribution has been given out. The supply was exhausted last Wednesday.

Lenten services are held in the Episcopal Church every Tuesday and Friday at half-past four p. m. Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Dr. J. H. Perreyclear, of the firm of Perreyclear & Siley, dentists, will be in Branchville Monday, February 29. Office at Merchant's Hotel.

Mr. J. C. Price, of North, is now with the Edisto Dry Goods Company, of this city, where he will be glad to have his many friends call on him.

Misses Maggie and Joe Bolen, of Bolen, returned home on Monday from Berkeley County, where they have been teaching for the past several months.

A number went from Orangeburg to hear Bryan speak in Columbia on Friday. They all say they were doubly paid for their trouble as the speech was a great one.

Mr. J. J. Conyers, of Greenville, S. C., was in the city the last few days. He is an excellent gentleman, and we would welcome him back to Orangeburg as a resident.

The Rev. R. E. McAlpine, a Presbyterian Missionary at Negoya, Japan, will lecture in the Presbyterian church tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

The time for paying taxes with the one per cent. penalty attached expires on Monday. After that date to March 15 the penalty will be seven per cent. On March 15 the books close.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Ulmer, of North, have the sympathy of their friends in the death of their little daughter, Gladys Birte, aged five months, who departed from this life on the 17th inst.

Bre'r Brayton goes for Bre'r Capers with gloves off. Capers says it is all yours that Brayton is spinning, but he says so in a very weak tone of voice. Capers is getting just about what he deserves.

Several people requested us to send them free seed by mail, which we did not do, as the government did not furnish us with any postage stamps and we could not afford to pay the postage out of our pocket.

We send out with The Times and Democrat this week a full reply of the State House Commission in answer to the charge we published last week. It is a long document, but we hope our readers will read it.

Pastor A. B. Watson commenced a protracted meeting in the Methodist Church at Bowman Sunday night, which will continue during the present week. He is held in high esteem by his members and the community in general.

An ice cream festival will be held at Mrs. Hannah J. Salley's residence on Amelia Street on Thursday afternoon from four to six o'clock. Ice cream and candy will be sold to all who attend. The children are especially invited.

Ladies, let us impress upon you not to miss the embroidery sale at Dantzer's Emporium next Monday. See his advertisement on page two of this week's Times and Democrat. He invites every lady in the county to attend this sale.

The Rural Carriers County Association met Monday in this city. There was a fair attendance of members, and a collection was taken up to pay the expenses of President Cunningham, who is in Washington looking after the interest of the carriers in their fight for better wages.

The regular monthly meeting of the Moultrie Chapter, D. A. R., will be held at the home of the Regent next Tuesday afternoon, March 1, at 5 o'clock. This will be only a short business session. The literary and social feature being dispensed with. New members will please take notice.

There will be an entertainment at Bethel School House on Friday evening, Feb. 26, beginning at half past seven. An attractive program has been arranged. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds will be used to furnish the parsonage. Public cordially invited to attend.

The school trustees, backed by the merchants and the citizens in and around Bowman, have decided to hold another "educational jubilee" at the closing of the graded school here on May 19. Governor Heyward and State Superintendent of Education Martin have been invited and are expected to be present and make addresses.

The Mothers' Meeting will be held with Mrs. Wm. L. Glaze next Friday afternoon, Feb. 26th, at 4.30 o'clock. On Wednesday afternoon there will be interesting exercises by the Band of Mercy connected with the Band of Hope. Teaching children kindness to dumb animals that can not speak for themselves is an important department of this work. Come and hear the readings of the young people.

State Evangelist Albert T. Fitts, of the Christian church spent Monday in this city. Mr. Fitts left Tuesday morning for Livingston S. C., where he will conduct a protracted meeting. The meeting will be held in the city hall of that place. Mr. Fitts is well known in our city and State and is an able minister of the gospel. We can safely say to all those who anticipate hearing him, that they will be greatly edified.

Happenings at Salley.

SALLEY, Feb. 22.—Special: There has been a good deal of grip in the community lately, and Dr. Salley has been constantly on the go.

From the way the farmers are hauling fertilizers from here this spring there will be a great deal of fleecy staple planted around here this year.

The Misses Milhous of Blackville have returned home after a pleasant visit to their sister Mrs. W. S. Peterson.

There have been quite a number of fair visitors in the community lately, out none who have been more popular, or received more attention than Misses Emma and Carrie Edwards of Creston who have been visitors of Miss Minnie Cooper for some time past. Miss Cooper is a charming hostess, and entertained delightfully several times while her friends were with her. These young ladies made many friends here who will always give them a hearty welcome.

One of the most pleasant social events of the season was the "At Home" given by Prof. and Mrs. W. S. Peterson on Friday evening a week ago. The parlor, hall and dining room were tastefully decorated with ferns, carnations, and other hot house plants. A number of innocent games were indulged in, among them a drawing contest. Each couple was given a piece of drawing paper, at the top of which was written the title of a popular song, with the request that they draw a picture to represent the title of the song. It was an interesting contest. Some of the drawings were rich indeed. A prize was given the couple drawing the best picture. This was won by Miss Milhous and Mr. C. H. Salley. Dainty and delightful refreshments were served during the evening. All went away declaring that they had spent a delightful evening.

The Salley High School is enjoying the most prosperous and successful session in its history. The enrollment has been unusually large this session and one has only to visit the school to be impressed with the large amount of good work that is being done there. Every patron is giving his heartiest cooperation, and teachers and scholars alike find the work pleasant. Principal Peterson is an experienced school man, and knows how to bring things to pass. The faculty of the school this year has been as follows: Prof. W. S. Peterson, Mrs. T. A. Sawyer, Misses Maggie Prigde, Mary E. Connor and Mary Salley. It is rumored here that Prof. Peterson will resign here at the end of this session, and that he will be with the Orangeburg Collegiate Institute next session. If such be the case, the O. C. I. will boom.

Mr. Edwin C. Street, of the Alkaline Lyceum Bureau, gave an entertainment here Friday evening. Mr. Street is certainly a very clever elocutionist and his entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed. He came under the auspices of the school. With every entertainment he gives, the school library is presented with 25 nice books by the Lyceum that sends him out.

The quarterly conference of the Methodist church was held here Friday. It was well attended, and the Presiding Elder, Dr. Dargan, preached an able and edifying sermon.

"SOMETIMES."

St. Matthews Literary Society.

On Tuesday evening of last week the St. Matthews Literary Society held its regular meeting in Cain's Hall, where the following profitable, as well as entertaining, programme was rendered: Instrumental solo by Miss Jardecky; criticism of play, "Julius Caesar," Dr. L. B. Bates; selection from "Julius Caesar," Act III, Scene I, Portia and Brutus, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Merritt; instrumental duet, Misses J. A. Merritt and Bertha Wannamaker; recitation from Thomas Nelson Page's "In Ole Virginia," Miss Hallie Murray; character sketch, "Mark Anthony," Dr. T. H. Dreher; current events, Mr. Pou Wannamaker; instrumental solo, Mrs. J. A. Merritt; critic's report, Miss Lucia Bee Able.

Each number was well rendered and reflected much credit upon the entertainers. The music by Mrs. Merritt and Misses Jardecky, McLaughlin and Wannamaker, was carefully selected, and executed in a most pleasing manner by each of the gifted performers. The papers read by Drs. Bates and Dreher were well written and of a high literary character. The recitation by Miss Murray deserves special comment. Miss Murray is talented in elocutionary art and consequently her reading was well rendered.

After the literary programme the Society held a short business meeting in which plans were discussed for the establishment of a circulating library, to be run in connection with the former organization. After several expressions of opinion the matter was given into the hands of a committee, which will report at the next meeting. This discussion as to the beginning of a library serves as additional proof that the St. Matthews Literary Society, though only four months old, is succeeding admirably and growing in numbers and strength at every meeting.

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—Mr. Wm. Mount Jr., a young farmer of the Fork, met with a painful accident on last Wednesday afternoon, while returning home from this city. Just how it occurred no one knows. He was driving a two-horse wagon and was alone. About two miles over the river he was found lying in the road unconscious, in a pool of blood, which flowed from a terrible wound in the head, that was evidently inflicted by a kick from one of the horses. Under his arm he still held the bundles of merchandise purchased in town. The wagon in some way had become uncoupled and a little further up the road the horses dragging the fore-part of the vehicle were stopped. Mr. Mount was given immediate medical attention, but he is still unconscious, and there is but slight hope for his recovery.

The Quitman Free Press says work we enjoy doing is exhilarating rather than tiresome. This explains why a delicate woman can walk fourteen miles more or less visiting bargain sales when it would tire her to death to do a day's housework.

A LODGE OF ELKS

Organized in Orangeburg With a List of Twenty-Eight Members.

Wednesday was Elks day in Orangeburg and witnessed the installation of a local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to be known as Orangeburg lodge No. 897. The Orangeburg correspondent of The State says it had been expected that the Columbia lodge would be present in large numbers, as that lodge had been designated to conduct the installation, but (wing to the death of their chaplain, Rev. Churchill Satterlee, they could not be present, and their pleasant work devolved upon the Sumter lodge, which sent over an enthusiastic crowd. District Deputy E. B. Clark, of Columbia, was present and the work was done under his direction. Orangeburg lodge starts out with 28 charter members and they are an exceptionally fine body of men, comprising some of the most influential business men of the town. They are:

L. H. Wannamaker, Jr., exalted ruler; W. G. Smith, esteemed leading knight; J. M. Oliver, esteemed loyal knight; T. F. Brantley, esteemed lecturer; W. L. Glover, secretary; H. C. Wannamaker, treasurer; A. D. Webster, esquire; T. F. Ayers, tiler; J. P. Doyle, inner guard; E. C. Slater, organist; J. W. Fair, Jr., chaplain; A. L. Dukes, W. M. Richardson and J. A. Herry, trustees; and Henry Kohn, R. H. Jennings, F. N. Brunson, H. E. Reeves, W. S. Lining, J. W. Strom, P. M. Smak, A. C. Doyle, C. A. Reneker, O. W. Spahr, Dr. Julian Cullum, Batesburg, Herman Brown, Blackville, and T. E. Cummings and B. B. Easterling, Barnwell.

Among the visiting Elks were: H. A. Spahr, Atlanta, Ga.; John W. Shields, Bangor, Me.; and J. J. Harby, J. C. Huger, James Cupes, S. C. Baker, E. A. Bultman, P. Moses, Jr., H. Harby, Jr., L. I. Parrott, J. F. Glenn, W. G. Moses, I. H. Moses, D. China and F. C. Manning, of Sumter. These gentlemen were given a welcome on their arrival, were given the freedom of the Business Men's club, and were shown as many attentions as their spare time would permit. The lodge convened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and with the exception of a short recess were in session until 11 p. m.

After adjournment the visitors and newly-made Elks repaired to Barton's hall, where an elaborate banquet claimed their attention. The visitors had been told they were to be tendered a banquet but were not prepared for the scene that greeted them. The decorations of the hall and the serving of some of Orangeburg's best known ladies who form the Dixie club, and they were frequently complimented on the result of their labors. They not only decorated and prepared everything but were present to serve the supper and this added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The menu was:

Oyster cocktail, queen olives, salted wafers, Badweiser beer, deviled crabs, sandwiches, whole tomatoes, mayonaisse dressing, chicken salad, stuffed eggs, Saratoga chips, pickles, Orangeburg punch a la Elksdom, tutti-frutti ice cream, assorted cakes, ice tea, French drip coffee, cigars. At the conclusion of the feast Exalted Ruler Wannamaker was called upon and after a few words of felicitation he introduced District Deputy Clark, who gave the history of the Elks and spoke of the cardinal principles of the order. Others were called upon and responded briefly, owing to the lateness of the hour.

Another enjoyable feature of the banquet was the delightful music furnished by the Orangeburg orchestra, which called forth frequent applause. Much credit for the organization of the local lodge belongs to Exalted Ruler L. H. Wannamaker, Jr., who worked hard for as large a charter membership as possible. The Masonic hall was used for the installation of the lodge, but it has not yet been determined where the lodge will have its permanent home.

List of Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Orangeburg, S. C., for the week ending Feb. 22, 1904: M. A. Borer, Jack Hookert, Miss Rosy Butler, Gilbert Butler, Miss Laura Brown, Miss Mary Cron, Miss Wrenn Ellis Dietz, Miss Hattie Ellis, Brantly Evans, Major Frederick (2), Sallie Funches, J. M. Gordon, Edward Gordon, L. S. Hook, J. S. Hutto, Miss Jane Jones, Whas Jake, Jerry Johnson, Willie Johnson, Miss Lenora Johnson, Miss Rhoda Keels, Annie Kiser, Mrs. Henrietta Littlejohn, Miss F. A. Lindsay, Mrs. Mirrie Monse, E. P. Miller, William McKelvy, W. G. McDowell, Thaddeus Nimmmons, A. S. Smith, Mrs. Anna Stevenson, Miss Viola Simmons, John Turner, H. C. Williams, C. S. Zigler. Persons calling for the above letters will say they are advertised. A. D. Webster, postmaster.

HAPPILY MARRIED.—On Thursday afternoon a delightful marriage ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. Olin M. Dantzer, about two miles from St. Matthews. The high contracting parties were Mr. D. F. Huffman and Miss Sue, the daughter of Mr. Dantzer. The Rev. J. E. Mahaffey officiated. Mr. Huffman is a leading salesman in the large firm of Banks & Wimberly, and highly respected in the community. Miss Dantzer is an exceedingly attractive young lady and greatly esteemed by her hosts of friends. This couple have the best wishes of the entire community.

A GOOD MAN GONE.—Mr. Thomas E. Dukes, a prominent farmer of the Cattle Creek section, died very suddenly at his home Sunday morning of heart disease. Mr. Dukes was about sixty-eight years of age and was a highly respected Christian gentleman. He has long been regarded by his neighbors as a model farmer and his unexpected death will be keenly regretted. He was a gallant defender of the "Lost Cause," serving under Hampton during the war. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and lived an exemplary life. He left several children to mourn his death.

Reminiscences of Gen. Gordon.

In August, 1895, the writer heard the late Gen. Gordon lecture upon "The Last Days of the Confederacy" at Ocean Grove, N. J. There were 10,000 people present in the vast auditorium, many of whom hardly knew whether to be friendly or hostile to the great leader.

I shall never forget the opening remarks. After the usual preliminaries of addressing an audience, he said, in an intensely attractive and thrilling way: "My countrymen!" With those words he captured his audience and held it spell-bound for two hours. I may say that of all the impressions the lecturer made, that of intense devotion to the cause for which he stood, plus his love for the whole united country, were lasting and deep. In the vast audience were many of the Blue and Grey, whose cheers and yells were abundant. The closing part of the speech I will never forget. Some one evidently had questioned the loyalty of the South to the flag. It was an incident that fired the gallant soldier-lecturer. Then, too, there might have been a little homesickness upon his part; for the tribute of undying devotion to his native Southland, what she would do in case our country was attacked, satisfied the most skeptic. It was an occasion of a life time for many of us. Long before this incident the speaker had caught the inspiration of his vast audience; and, it will always seem to me unpremeditated, seizing a large American flag, amid tumultuous cheering, interspersed with the old tiger yell of many a hard fought battlefield, he said: "We lift aloft this proud banner of freedom and bid universal humanity to catch its inspiration."

The next time I heard Gen. Gordon was Brookville, Penn., during a county teachers' institute. The subject of his lecture the same. During this evening Gordon spoke of one battle in which men were slain until the dead were several feet high. He said he believed more men were slain in this battle than any other battle during the war, according to the number of men engaged. He then said: "I suppose there is no one here who was in this battle." Up arose a tall gentleman, Major MacMurray, and said: "General, I commanded the men you refer to." Both were oblivious to the hundreds present, as they talked as men can who fought one another fiercely. It was graphic in the extreme. The Major's comment afterwards was: "He (Gordon) was not only a fine fellow, but a brave man."

Let me close this narrative with an amusing incident of a Deacon of the church I was pastor of in Brookville.

Deacon L. drew a large pension from the government. It was generally conceded that the deacon's feelings were hurt more during the war than his body was injured. This good man approached his pastor and said: "I understand you have heard that rebel Gordon." Now, the deacon was always in the front seat in church, until I called upon him to pray. Ever after he was near the door, when he was at church. So my reply was: "Deacon, I have heard Gen. Gordon. You go and hear him, and if you are not satisfied let me know and I will refund your money." He went, and as usual occupied the front seat. Gen. Gordon spoke of some battles that were won by the Federals. Each incident increased the deacon's enthusiasm until the audience was amused at his actions. The lecturer then mentioned battles which were won by the Confederates. It was a case of quiet, more quiet, then graveyard stillness upon the part of the deacon, when Gordon turned and slapping him frantically upon the shoulder said: "Shout, comrade! Why don't you shout?"

In both of these cases the gallant soldier made hosts of friends. His devotion to his comrades of the '60's and his country were uplifting to many. All eagerly listened, laughed, cried and cheered during his thrilling lecture—"The Last Days of the Confederacy."

Two Fires at Denmark.

A dispatch from Denmark to The State says the telegraph office at the junction of the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern railroads, in this place, was destroyed by fire Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock. The structure was a two-story wooden building, generally known as the tower. All trains over the two roads were signalled from this office and could pass only when the trucks were thrown open by the operator in the tower. The fire started in the ceiling and owing to the fact that there is no water near, could not be extinguished. The trains were delayed only for a few minutes, and will stop at that point, as they do at other junctions. Another fire alarm was given Friday at about noon. In some way a curtain caught on fire. The room was closed at the time and became filled with smoke, causing every one to think that the house would necessarily burn. However, the fire was soon put out, there being considerable loss from removal of furniture and damage to the house by water. Our enterprising little sister town should have a small fire department, if fires are going to become so common with her. It will pay for itself in a short time.

DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN.—Mr. Eugene Fralick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan F. Fralick, of near Cordova, died on the 15th inst. in the 21st year of his age, of pneumonia, and was buried the following day at Double Branch Baptist church, Rev. J. R. Smith conducting the funeral services. The loss of this excellent young Christian is deeply mourned by the whole community. May God help the bereaved family to bear this heavy burden, and may they not think of him as dead but sleeping.

ICE CREAM FESTIVAL.—An ice cream festival will be held at the residence of Mrs. Hannah J. Salley on Amelia street on Thursday afternoon from four to six o'clock. Ice cream and candy will be served to old and young for a small consideration. The festival is given under the auspices of a few of the ladies of the Basket Band, and the proceeds will go to the funds of that noble band of Christian workers.

Society could do with less jurisprudence if it had more justice.

CAUGHT IN CHARLESTON.

A Negro Convict Who Escaped from Orangeburg Chain Gang.

The Charleston Post, of last Wednesday says: "Caliph Hampton, alias John Driggs, colored, convicted on the charge of burglary at the May term of the court of session at Orangeburg, and sentenced to four years on the county chain gang, but who escaped after having served only a short time, was arrested last Wednesday morning by constable Burton, of Magistrate O'Shaughnessy's court, and constable Rast of Orangeburg, about six miles from Charleston. He was brought to the city and placed in jail for safe keeping until this afternoon when constable Rast will take him to Orangeburg."

Hampton or Driggs, as he is known in Charleston, is a bad citizen. After making his escape from Orangeburg, he went to Sumter, where he was located by the deputy sheriff of that county, and an effort was made to capture him. He fired several shots at the officer and took to the swamps, and blood hounds were put on trail but by his cunning he managed to escape.

Several days ago Hampton was located in Charleston, and the Orangeburg authorities were notified, constable Rast arrived in the city last night, and he and constable Burton went in search of the escaped convict. All last night the officers were out in pursuit of the negro, but he was not located until this morning about six miles from the city, Hampton made an effort to escape but the constables covered him with their pistols and he threw up his hands and surrendered. The negro will be taken back to Orangeburg this afternoon to enter again upon his sentence of four years. It is probable that he will be sent to Columbia to finish his term in the penitentiary."

A Thoughtful Mother Says.

That if you want your children to be courteous, you must treat them with respect.

That they will invariably copy your manners, so you must take care that they are the best.

That you should be as careful of their feelings as you wish them to be of the feelings of others.

That when it is necessary to administer reproof it should be given in private.